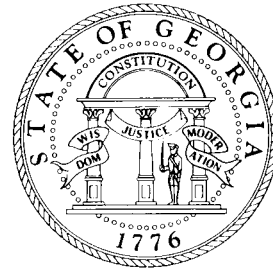


**GEORGIA CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY  
LICENSING BOARD, DIVISION OF JOURNEYMAN  
AND MASTER PLUMBERS**

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[www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/construct](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/construct)**



Cathy Cox  
Secretary of State

October 2004

Mollie Fleeman  
Division Director

**A Message From Georgia  
Secretary of State Cathy Cox:**

Since the move to Macon five years ago, the Professional Licensing Boards Division has continued to improve its services to meet the needs of the state's professional licensees. In just a decade, the number of individuals licensed by the Board has increased 133%, and our office has responded to this growth by expanding the use of technology in all aspects of the Division.

We recently implemented some dramatic improvements in our online process of license renewal and address changes. Our goal is to have most, if not all, licensees renew this way, greatly reducing the amount of paperwork the Division handles and most importantly, making it quick and easy for you, the customer. We also continue to improve our website with the amount of information that is available to you and the public. In the near future, our goal is to automate the entire application process. We are constantly evaluating our procedures and looking for better ways to carry out licensing and disciplinary functions.

Visit our website at [www.sos.state.ga.us](http://www.sos.state.ga.us) and follow the simple process if you need to make changes to your address or if it's time to renew your license. Please take advantage of these new changes, and contact us with your thoughts and ideas. The Professional Licensing Board is here to serve you, and our goal is to make the process of professional licensure as easy and effective as possible. Thank you for the important work you do for the state of Georgia.

Sincerely,

Cathy Cox  
Secretary of State

**Board Members**

H. Grady Smith III, Chairman  
Randall R. Thompson, Vice Chairman  
Paul Thomas Addis Jr.  
Donald Edward Swords Jr.  
Mitzi Delee Smith

**2005 Board Meeting Schedule**

Mar 06	Board Meeting	Macon
Apr 20	Board Meeting	Macon
Jul 06	Board Meeting	Macon
Aug 24	Board Meeting	Macon
Oct 26	Board Meeting	Macon
Dec 14	Board Meeting	Macon

**Exams**

Exam dates for 2005 are as follows:

April 6, 2005	Atlanta, Tifton
August 10, 2005	Atlanta, Savannah
November 30, 2005	Atlanta

**Board Website**

[www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/construct/](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/construct/)

The Board website goes far beyond the original design. Users will find the following at the site:

- License requirements;
- Downloadable Applications;
- Online Renewal;
- Board Meeting dates;
- Fees, laws and rules;
- Continuing education requirements;
- Examination descriptions, dates, deadlines;
- Complaint forms and information, and other disciplinary enforcement information;
- Reinstatement information; and
- License search by name or license number.

### **Current Laws and Rules Relating to the Plumbing Profession.**

The responsibility for knowing and understanding the laws and rules regarding a profession lies with the registrant. O.C.G.A. 43-14, Georgia Law Governing the Practice of Plumbing, and the Rules of the Board are accessible from the website, <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/construct/>. To order a printed copy of the current laws, please contact Lexis-Nexis at 1-800-833-9844. To order a printed copy of the current rules, please contact Darby Printing Company at 1-800-241-5292, extension 228.

### **Address Changes**

Addresses may be verified by checking the board's website under License Verification. If needed you may fax, email or mail a change of address to the board office, or you may change your address online at <https://secure.sos.state.ga.us/mylicense/>.

### **Disciplinary Enforcement Activity**

During the period beginning December, 2002 through October, 2004, the Board held twelve (12) meetings. There were one hundred and three (103) public disciplinary actions taken through twenty eight (28) Consent Agreements, three (3) Voluntary Surrenders, one (1) Revocation and fifty nine (59) Cease and Desist orders. In addition, eight (8) licenses were suspended for failure to comply with child support orders, and four (4) licenses were suspended for failure to pay student loans. If you wish to view individual disciplinary actions you may access the meeting minutes at [http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/construct/board\\_meeting\\_minutes.htm](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/construct/board_meeting_minutes.htm).

### **Rosters of Licensees**

Rosters are available in electronic format for a fee of \$100.00 per profession. To order a roster, you may find the order blank on the Board's website.

### **Medical Gas Piping Certification Providers**

The Board now has six (6) approved providers for Medical Gas Piping certification. These are:

American Medical Gas Institute  
2540 Severn Avenue, Suite 200  
Metairie, LA 70002  
1-800-234-6834

United Service Training Corporation  
1040 Bayview Drive  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304  
1-945-568-1766

Environmental & Medical Gas Services Inc.  
1148 Mann Road  
Douglasville, GA 30134  
1-770-459-5920

Medical Equipment Technology, Inc.  
4544 Atwater Court, Suite 103  
Buford, GA 30518  
1-800-768-3320

Medical Gas Specialist, Inc.  
482 Martinique Trace  
Canton, GA 30115  
1-770-740-1728

Evergreen Medical Services  
P.O. Box 19057  
Atlanta, GA 31126  
1-800-770-1503

### **House Bill 327**

A bill to amend Code Section 43-14-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated was passed into law on May 31, 2003. This amendment provides for the term "conditioned air equipment" and the term "plumbing" to include natural gas piping systems on the outlet side of the gas meter, as well as providing Conditioned Air Contracting Companies a 90 day grace period in which to operate in the event of the death of the qualifying licensee. You may view the bill in its entirety at [http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2003\\_04/search/hb327.htm](http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2003_04/search/hb327.htm).